

REMARKS

Claim 25 is pending in the application. Claim 25 has been amended to replace the term “amino linker” with “2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker”. Support for this amendment is found in the specification as filed at page 15, Table 1. No new matter has been added.

Rejection of Claim 25 Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sato and Froehler, as further evidenced by Huang. The rejection states that it would have been obvious to incorporate the phosphoramidate linker of Froehler into the immunostimulatory oligonucleotide of Sato, citing Huang for the proposition that phosphoramidate is an amino linker. Claim 25 has been amended to replace the term “amino linker” with “2-aminobutyl-1,3-propanediol linker”. Applicants respectfully submit that this amendment overcomes this rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that this amendment be entered. This is a new rejection based on previously uncited art. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this rejection should not have been made final.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed claim 25 is in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 207-571-9365, x-107.

Respectfully submitted,

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